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SUBJ: THAI PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION VISIT TO U.S.

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1. EMBASSY HAS PASSED SUBSTANCE OF REF A TO COL. SA-NGUAN, SECRETARY GENERAL OF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, AND TO DR. MANA PHITTAYAPHON, ONE OF THE KEY FIGURES IN THE THAI PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION MENTIONED IN PARA 5 OF REF B. WE POINTED OUT THAT FIRST WEEK IN NOVEMBER FOR VISIT TO WASHINGTON WAS NOT RPT NOT FEASIBLE, DUE TO ELECTIONS.

2. DR. MANA EXPRESSED INTEREST IN POSTPONING VISIT TO WASHINGTON UNTIL JANUARY, WHEN NEW CONGRESS WILL HAVE ASSEMBLED AND WHEN, PRESUMABLY, APPOINTMENTS WITH MEMBERS OF SENATE AND HOUSE FOREIGN RELATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEES MAY BE

RELATIVELY EASIER TO ARRANGE. HE EXPRESSED INTEREST, IN

PARTICULAR, IN VISIT TO WASHINGTON EMBRACING DATE WHEN PRESIDENT WILL PRESENT HIS STATE OF THE UNION OR BUDGET MESSAGE AND
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ASKED IF DELEGATION COULD ATTEND JOINT SESSION OF CONGRESS AT

WHICH SUCH MESSAGE IS DELIVERED.

3. REASON DELEGATION REQUESTED LETTER OF INVITATION FROM U.S. (PARA 6, REF B) IS TO OBTAIN NECESSARY TRAVEL AND PER DIEM FUNDS FROM NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT, UNDER ESTABLISHED RULES. WE BELIEVE THAT A LETTER FROM EMBASSY TO DELEGATION, CONFIRMING THAT SUITABLE DATE IN JANUARY, 1977, IS ACCEPTABLE AND THAT APPOINTMENTS WITH MEMBERS OF CONGRESS ARE BEING ARRANGED, WOULD MEET THIS NEED.

4. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT TIMING OF DELEGATION VISIT TO U.S. WOULD HAVE BEEN SLIPPED IN ANY CASE, AS IT WAS TO FOLLOW MEETING OF ASEAN PARLIAMENTARIANS WITH OPPOSITE NUMBERS IN COUNTRIES OF EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY. SETTING UP ASEA DELEGATION HAS PROVED A PROBLEM, AS PHILIPPINES DOES NOT RPT NOT HAVE ANY LEGISLATURE AT ALL AT PRESENT, AND THERE IS DIFFICULTY IN ASSEMBLING INDONESIAN DELEGATION.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT'S REACTION TO VISIT BY DELEGATION (COMPOSITION IN PARA 5 OF REF B) IN JANUARY AND, IN PARTICULAR, DATES ON WHICH PRESIDENT LIKELY TO DELIVER STATE OF THE UNION AND BUDGET MESSAGES, IF AVAILABLE.
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